

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Natalie Timms Serial No.: 10/664,267 Filed on: September 16, 2003 For: APPROACHES FOR APPLYING SERVICE POLICIES TO ENCRYPTED PACKETS	Group Art Unit No.: 2134 Examiner: Jason Kai Yin Gee Confirmation No.: 3417
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REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed August 11, 2008, the shortened statutory period for which runs until November 11, 2008, applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in light of the following remarks.

The Examiner is thanked for the performance of a thorough search. Claims 1-2, 4-15, 17-23, 27-28, 30-32, 37-38 and 40-50 are pending in this application. All issues raised in the Office Action mailed August 11, 2008 are addressed hereinafter.

I. ISSUES RELATING TO PRIOR ART

A. CLAIMS -- 35 U.S.C. § 103: BUER, BEN, ROCH

Claims 1-2, 5-7, 11, 14, 15, 18-20, 27, 28, 31, 32, 37-38, 41-43 and 47 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being allegedly anticipated by Buer et al. (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0005061), hereafter "Buer," and in view of Benayoun et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,804,257), hereafter "Ben", and in further view of Roch et al. (U.S. Patent Application